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B. SEOUL 6341 (BOTH BEING REPEATED)

1. IN LIGHT OF LAST SENTENCE OF REF A, WE WOULD BE INTER-
ESTED IN KNOWING MISSION AND GVN VIEWS ON QUESTION OF POS-
SIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN RED CROSS SOCIETIES OF NORTH
AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. ALTHOUGH REF A REPORTS POSSIBLE INDIAN EFFORT AT
TEHRAN WOULD CONSIST OF "LOBBYING IN CORRIDORS," SHOULD
BE NOTED THAT USUAL FORM OF ACTION AT INTERNATIONAL RED
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CROSS CONFERENCES IS RESOLUTION. PERTINENT EXAMPLE IS

SOUTH KOREAN RED CROSS DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF B) WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE SPONSORED BY NETHERLANDS, WEST GERMAN, CANADIAN, AND BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETIES AT TEHRAN CONFERENCE.

3. WHAT WOULD BE RVN GOVERNMENT AND RED CROSS ATTITUDE TOWARDS RESOLUTION AT THIS CONFERENCE CALLING FOR CONTACT/ COOPERATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE RED CROSS SOCIETIES? AMBASSADOR MARTIN IS INCLINED TO BELIEVE GVN WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION BUT WISHES EMBASSY SAIGON TO CONSIDER AND ADVISE. IT MIGHT BE THAT GVN WOULD WISH TO EMULATE KOREAN EXAMPLE. ON BALANCE, IT SEEMS TO DEPT THAT THIS COULD BE ANOTHER GVN INITIATIVE WHICH COULD PUT DRVN ON DEFENSIVE. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF INTRODUCING SUCH A RESOLUTION OURSELVES BUT COULD FORESEE IT BEING INTRODUCED BY OTHERS. WE ARE MINDFUL, ALSO, OF POSSIBILITY THAT, IF SUCH A RESOLUTION IS PUT FORWARD, SOME DELEGATIONS MIGHT TRY TO INSERT ISSUE OF PRG RED CROSS SOCIETY AND GVN SHOULD CONSIDER THIS POSSIBILITY.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO MISSION CAN PROVIDE ON WHO WILL REPRESENT GVN AND RVN RED CROSS AT TEHRAN CONFERENCE. FYI, WE RECALL AMB. PHAM VAN THINH ABLY REPRESENTED GVN AT PAST RED CROSS MEETINGS AND WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO SEE HIM IN SIMILAR CAPACITY AT TEHRAN. END FYI. KISSINGER

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